

Young Backs Administration In Air Surveillance Of Reds

Ohio Senator Calls For Realism, Notes Espionage Activity By Soviet Union

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WASHINGTON, May 10—Senator Young of Ohio, a frequent critic of the Eisenhower Administration, went to its defense yesterday in a Senate debate on the U2 plane incident. Instead of being critical, instead of saying that we are shocked with this matter, let us be realistic," Senator Young said.

He described himself as being neither surprised nor shocked by the fact the Government is compelled, "in the interests of adequate national defense, to penetrate the Iron Curtain in any manner possible.

"We know that the Soviet Union has submarines off our shore," he said. "We know that the Russians are engaged in surveillance within the borders of the United States.

"We know that they have spy rings operating within this country. We know that it is comparatively easy for those in command in the Soviet Union to obtain information on the missile strength, the submarine strength, the jet air strength and the rocketry of the United States.

American authorities, on the other hand, he said, can obtain information about Russia only through agents in that country, by what little intelligence it can glean from the Soviet Union and by aerial reconnaissance.

"We in America are living in a grim period of international anarchy," he said. "Those of our leaders who participate in conferences at the summit will be much better off if they are fully informed."

He told the Senate some of his constituents in Ohio are urging that President Eisenhower cancel his plans to go to Paris and that he has told them he thinks they are completely wrong.

"The more often those conferences take place with our delegation headed by men of determination, buttressed by information obtained through our intelligence, the greater the likelihood will be that we may eventually have complete disarmament."

Senator Young praised both

Secretary of State Herter and the Central Intelligence Agency which apparently was the source of the ill-fated flight over the Soviet Union. He referred to Mr. Herter as a "candid and truthful statesman" admitting responsibility for the flight and called him a "good secretary of state" in the tradition of Cordell Hull, Dean Acheson and other great American secretaries of state.

The CIA, Senator Young said, has displayed enterprise and courage in obtaining the essential information about the Soviet Union which is guiding the nation's cold war policy.

The Administration did not fare so well, however, with other Democratic senators. Sen. A. Willis Robertson (D., Va.) called the plane incident a "terrible blunder" and complained that not once in its 12 years of existence has the CIA told Congress how it was spending its huge sum of appropriations.

His Lack Of Knowledge
Sen. Eugene J. McCarthy (D., Minn.) said that the fact President Eisenhower did not know of espionage flights over Russia is a "worse indictment of the Administration than if he had knowledge of it and had approved it."

(Mr. Herter said yesterday that the flights had taken place with Mr. Eisenhower's knowledge but that the President had not authorized specific missions.)

Sen. Howard W. Cannon (D., Nev.) said that if the National Space and Aeronautics Administration had anything to do with the operation, "it was clearly in violation of the act of Congress creating it."

Congress, he pointed out, stipulated that NASA should be concerned only with peaceful purposes.

Sen. Mike Mansfield (D., Mont.), acting majority leader in the absence of Sen. Lyndon B. Johnson, told the Senate that this is no time to be moralizing about espionage and said he would prefer to withhold comment until the Administration makes a full clarifying statement.

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